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Title:

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INCLUDING A BACKPLANE

HAVING A SWITCHED FABRIC BUS AND

INSTRUMENTATION LINES

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action rejection dated November 19, 2004 of claims 1-39.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(1) of \$500.00 to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-51201/JCH. If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number.

Respectfully submitted,

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